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S.U. EDITORIAL

Greetings and many sickened thanks to the 'celebrity?' type humanitarian, his right honourable magnificence Geoff Leigh and drainloads of gratitude to channel 7, the Sun and Terry Willesee for their incontrovertibly true Clarke Kent reporting of squatting. 'Peasant (we know) like cheers of knee-falling praise for your gratefully recieved words of welcome.

Potential squatters (get that Geoff) who are, and were ignorant of our organization, have now, thanks to you, become aware of the necessary work we do.

'Oh dear, why don't they work in one of the many non-existent jobs the government offers, cut that, the jobs really are there, FAIR MKS!'

Since the 5th of May we've recieved calls from lots of people who have rung in about lots of empty houses whilst people who would normally be rivetted on the seven year waiting list, plus people who live far away and have never heard of the SU, have now realized there are empty houses to be squatted. They have discovered it's better to squat than survive on the measly pittance that good ol' goff and his cronies graciously choose to offer.

Also, many obligated thanks for the very much needed publicity management the media offered to we, humble squatting peasants; they do seem to have a fetish for 'honestly' editing,

thereby butchering interviews with squatters.

I think I should murmur words about Mr. Plod and criticize the fact that they draw attention to how dirty squatters are, but we can't return their compliment; if we do so, we face their wrath.

It's quite remarkable, despite the S.U. having a policy of non-editorialization, we came thru that adrenalin charged super-dramatic week of May. (Unfortunately due to the vindictive attack by the 'powers that be', we have been forced to institute an editorial policy as follows--

EDITORIAL POLICY.

*** ALL contributions are welcome however the SU asks that the interests of the Squatters Union be considered. if you wish to have them published

*** To assist in fast production of this magazine we request you type, or prepare, your own contributions in half A4 (10 cm) columns. Due to limited time and energy, priority will be given to articles pretyped/prepared.

*** The SU requires that ALL articles be non-oppressive (eg. non-sexist, non-racist, non-ageist etc)

*** The editorial collective consists of the volunteers that produce the particular issue of Squat-It.

*** If the article/contribution is deemed unsuitable the collective, when possible, will refer back to the author before publication, otherwise it will be considered for the next issue.

*** THE VIEWS EXPRESSED IN SQUAT-IT ARE THE VIEWS OF INDIVIDUAL CONTRIBUTORS AND ARE NOT NECESSARILY THE VIEWS OF THE SU!!!!



SEND US YOUR ARTICLES AND/OR A DOLLAR TO KEEP THIS AMAZING LITTLE RAG HUMMING OFF THE PRESSES...

OR ELSE YOU BE DRUGGED AND KIDNAPPED...

...YOU DIDN'T THINK SQUATTERS DID SUCH THINGS???

...DON'T YOU READ THE SUN????

WOT'S HAPPENING!

STOP PRESS

MAIDSTONE

29th MARCH media react to Palm Sunday handout by squatters saying that we were 'encouraging' people to break and enter

APRIL 11 3 womyn evicted from squat in Hawthorn by police. The place was made impenetrable (but still empty) afterwards.

APRIL 15 Orphanage raided. Outrageous assault by police on human sensibilities (see p. for details)

APRIL 21 Mr Leigh complains to media about a squatting poster stuck on his window. More publicity for the SUV.

APRIL 30 Three triple storey houses in Drummond St Carlton evicted. 30 people made homeless. The houses still remain empty.

APRIL 30 Tenant organised demo against overproposed MOH evictions and rent increases is held on Flemington estate. A good day was had by all.

MAY 1 @ activities and bands held at UWU to commemorate the REAL mayday.

MAY 3 Squatting literature handed out at mainstream 'mayday' march.

MAY 5 Poem to A Taylor (Squat It #7) hits Sun headlines. OUTRAGE throughout the establishment leading to combined media and police attack on SUV and selected squats.

Blanche St squat evicted in police retaliation over poem. The houses were broken into by council hired scabs while squatters were out. Police stand by to protect the scab evictors.

Orphanage put under daily surveillance and harassment of squatters increased.

MAY 8 Princes Pier squat raided by police in unmarked car, rooms ransacked and people interrogated.

* APRIL 6th beginning of plays about squatting performance at cafe squat soon - July 6th.

MAY 20 Occupation of DSS Nth Melb against U18 dole cuts. 50 people turn up for demo 20 people storm office present demands to a faceless beauracrat. Large police presence.

JUNE 5 Dorcas St eviction court cases adjourned until Sept. for challenge. (see Squat It #7)

JUNE U18 dole cut demos continue. Constant police presence. Police violence increases

** ORPHANAGE EVICTION DATE IS SET FOR THE 1ST OF JULY, SOME PARTS ON THE 27TH OF JUNE

**IVANHOE COURTCASES JULY 22nd. ALL SUPPORT WELCOMED!!

On wednesday the 17th of June 10 police evicted 4 squatters and 6 animals from a MOH squat in Maidstone by a Supreme Court writ. The MOH wanted to renovate the house.

The MOH also has 50-100 'empties' in Maidstone and Braybrook, according to the local Public Tenants Union.

The police arrested 3 of us for trespass and 1 for offensive language. (court date in next Squat It).

Anyone interested in mega-squats out in the west should contact the SUV, there's some lovely big empties (blocks of flats etc...)



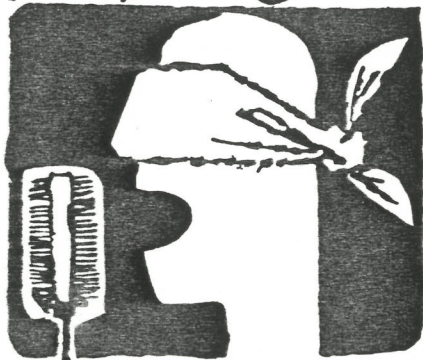
TUESDAY MAY 12

Court case re the eviction of squatters at 147 Upper Heidelberg Rd, Ivanhoe, 14th March 1987.

Today the Ivanhoe squatters went to court to face charges of wilful trespass, assaulting police, ejecting missiles, resisting arrest and indecent language. 9 pleaded NOT GUILTY, 2 didn't turn up and one Coral Gilbert pleaded GUILTY to the charge of wilful trespass. After delivering a brilliant oratory on the politics of squatting, homelessness and poverty, (reminding his Worship of the year in which we live-International Year of Shelter for the Homeless), she was convicted with no penalty or bond.

A certain victory, particularly after the abominable media representation the Squatters received the week before over the poem in Squat-It.

ATTACKED! RADIO 3CR



FREE SPEECH INFORMATION LIBRE & COMMUNITY ACCESS

3CR goes on air 24 hours every day for listener sponsors and the regular knob twiddler. Playing nearly 50 per cent Aust. Music and doesn't bore us with endless commercial ads or YEUCH, sport commentary.

419-8377

Squatters Union of Victoria is currently putting to air a 30 min. program at 11.30 every Friday. (On after the U.W.U.'s Dole radio at 11am. So listen in at that hour. Don't bother to call us while on air because it's pre-recorded Ha Ha. But do ring and say it's a fabulous One. 3CR-4198377 S.U.V. 4818097

ATTACKED: 3CR : FREE SPEECH : Boogey MEN present at TRIBUNAL HEARING.

A few nits up in a govt. department have siezed power over what gets cast into air via radio by sinking their ghastly teeth into the only community access radio station on the AM/MW band (855kHz). 3cr community radio programs diverse political, social and cultural info.

A builders program has been criticised and used as battering ram to bust everybody struggling to get their message over to an ever increasing audience.

Broadcasting tribunal intervention under the order of minister of Clamps and Gags Mr Crabb undermines free speech and places many community, ethnic and union groups in danger of losing free access to public radio. 3CR has to survive.

Hearings are continuing. At the June 12 hearing court in Dallas Hall 2 or more plain clothes goons poisoned the air at the entrance to the packed room. WHAZISS? Yeah-stooges linger like ghouls to public radio's flogging. What next? Guards at ballot boxes to see us count 1 2 3 ..

Support 3cr by sponsoring in the Radiathon appeal or supporting the licence renewal (adding another letter to the hundreds already sent is a way of supporting). Otherwise were all left with no radio and may as well pawn our transistors.

RADIO 11TH + 12TH July



3CR 11th ANNIVERSARY
ELECTION DAY
SAT. LIVE FROM 6.30+
CANBERRA.
STUFF YOUR CHERRY LIP ELECTION.

'JUST-ARSE'

Welcome to the first of a series of articles designed to expose the myth that the law and 'justice' system is here to guide and protect us.

I in no way wish to justify the law system, on the contrary I hope to prove that it is used to control us through showing how it is constantly flaunted by the very people who legislate and enforce. And that they do this with the full knowledge that they are 'above' it.

The end result, I hope, will be the full exposure of a system designed to control us all, one which is abused constantly, with full immunity, by those that create it.

MELBOURNE: A Prahran senior police sergeant was suspended from duty and charged with conspiracy to obstruct and defeat the course of justice and also with 8 police disciplinary offences: 4 of disgraceful conduct and 11 of neglect of duty.

Age (14/4/87)

MELBOURNE: A former railways investigation officer said he saw his former workmates fabricate evidence for court, steal goods and bash people. He claims he was forced to corroborate phoney evidence on oath that a man, bashed by a RIO, had hit the officer first. In '84 he came to blow with a superior officer when he refused to charge a boy, 13 after the senior had caught him without a ticket and bashed him. In March '83 he saw officers bash 3 youths drawing graffiti at a suburban station. He was also forced to corroborate fabricated evidence about a drunk caught exposing himself at Spencer st station.

Sun (16/4/87)

UZBEKINSTEIN: A senior soviet official has appeared in the supreme court charged with bribe-taking.

Age(24/4/87)

LONDON: The Sunday Times (London) has accused M15 of plotting to discredit Ulster's MP's Ian Paisley and John Hume by faking bank statements which suggested they had misappropriated funds. The Times says it has documents to support the allegations.

Age (27/4/87)

TEXAS: Judge Thomas Cave in on trial on charges of having violated the civil rights of several women by coercing them into sexual activity in exchange for probation and suspended sentences



Sunday Press (10/5/87).



SYDNEY: John Hutton, a NSW MP, has called for a royal commission into how a \$6 million marijuana crop near Canberra was allegedly harvested and marketed while under police surveillance. He said the commission should provide for investigation of:

- 1) The growing of marijuana crops in the Goulburn police, Michelago and Bugendore.
- 2) How at least \$6 million worth of marijuana was harvested and sold under police surveillance.
- 3) Why no arrests had been made in connection with the crops.
- 4) The role in the operations of 5 senior police officers the assistant commissioner and the former commissioner.

Age (14/5/87)

MIAMI: Confessions by 2 Miami officers have finally cracked a police ring that allegedly killed 4 drug dealers, terrorised others, stole their cocaine and plotted to murder 2 federal witnesses.

Sunday Press (17/5/87)

SYDNEY: A security officer was sentenced to ten years for conspiring to and murder. Mr Justice Maxwell said the case was an incredible tale of homicidal conspiracy and design.

Sun Sat (23/5/87)

STH AUSTRALIA: A senior SA politician and a former Fed MP have been questioned in relation to Trimbole-related drug charges and in connection to the murders of Douglas and Isabel Wilson.

Sunday Press (24/5/87)

ADELAIDE: A senior police officer appeared in the Adelaide magistrates court charged with possessing, conspiracy to cultivate, conspiracy to sell marijuana and conspiracy to supply another person with the drug.

erald (27/5/87).

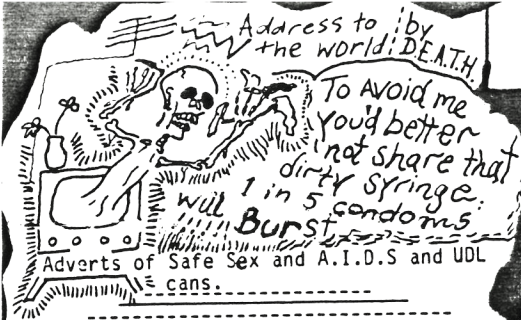
ANY CASES YOU MAY KNOW OF OR ANY PERSONAL
EXPERIENCES YOU MAY HAVE HAD WITH THE "JUSTICE"
SYSTEM WOULD BE MOST WELCOME AS CONTRIBUTIONS
TO THIS SERIES.
KEEP WATCHING FOR MORE EXPOSURE OF THE
MANIPULATORS AND ENFORCERS OF THIS CORRUPT AND
OPPRESSIVE SYSTEM!!!



SQUAT

THE COMMON MISCONCEPTION
IS THAT THE ROYAL FAMILY
ARE NOT POLITICAL. THINK
ABOUT THIS: IF YOU WERE
THAT STINKING RICH WHO'S
SIDE WOULD YOU BE ON?

don't let houses rot ...



A.I.D.S. REsource centre 117 Johnston St Fitzro
collingwood 4171759 (The Peter Knight Cntr)
The only A.I.D.S. referral listed in 1987 Phone Bk.

Then a ghastly pistol appears
take thus to symbolise a fit
the baddie youth passes it to
she.. young .. innocent.. led astray
doesn't want to play the game
What game is it?

Government deals with crime gang
runs a dob campaign with abiblical name
while t.v junkies play russian roulette
The poor pay the health bill at the
end of financial year
who makes the millions
while millions live in fear?
Media lies and glosses over
plays on your distress
turning wheels of industry
but family ideals face perillous risk
Clever production and social seduction
to all advertising it applies
telling us dont do this um youcan do
that... they brainwash as though we
cant see through deception
so what ..lets all get pissed take it
easy is what the system is making of
us.....robotic consumers of adverts
when you start to question authority
its shutup and dont make a fuss
Medical proffesion do they have the
answer? ... Doctor says I dont know
Doctor does know
too much money spent on war
instead of the cure for the immune
system's fall
All media giants and rulers of this
land on which your massage parlours
put money in your hand
but now thats all finito
you'd rather play lawn bowls or golf
or open a gambling casino

shaving cream bursts from a pressure can

BY ANON NOT A.T.E.

French letter, Russian roulette, an ad
for Rum and Cola cans
ad to tell everybody that multiple
partners are no more a fashion
Safe Sex and Drugs is the media passion
Push good ol' alchcohol
suggest that we're free
slap us sober
t.v moguls doing us over
signal we got--booze is O.K
if you join the insane team of cops
blasting with gunfire apart bottle shops
Keeping the Countdown the Media blurb
Drunken fat gut drivers count beers,
bodies, speed limits, and cops on the
curb A double standard
With one hand the t.v will give
with the other it will take
there are fines for drink driving
that pay for this trash
Demonic dope. Who keeps it illegal?
The media helps keep it illegal
corruption and bribery keep it
under the table
taking this weed will do little harm
beware though of sirens and robbers
down on the farm
At the hotel they serve death in a bottl.
Taxes stress and petrol
corpses line the roads
The smoker of hemp lulled by depression
sits alone on a lounge and watches
a T.V land couple enter Safe sex session
Anti aids condoms the video obsession
or is it another commercial procession?

DENMARK

Police Smash May Day Demo



While Social Democrats, Communists and Socialists joined a common First of May parade in Copenhagen, Anarchists and squatters met at a central square for a separate demonstration arranged by the anarcho-syndicalist ASO.

The squatters movement, BZ, organised a pre-demo from a squatted house. The police weren't notified about this and they tried to prevent it going down Stroget (a shopping street in the centre of the city leading to where the main demo was to begin).

As a result, squatters went down another street and smashed the windows of a bank along the way. When they arrived at the square they clashed with police in riot gear lined up in combat formation. Squatters won round 1, but when the atmosphere calmed, police regrouped to 'restore order' and the square was secretly surrounded and the adjoining streets blocked off.

After the burning of two Shell Oil flags the police attacked the crowd with truncheons, being met with bricks and bottles. Though drinkers helped by throwing empty beer bottles, the police were superior in force. Even a mother with a baby found herself to be 'obstructing' the police. One person was

hospitalised, 19 were arrested and 2 later charged with 'breaches of public order'.

The arrests were quite arbitrary. It goes without saying that the police were very brutal. One arrested person lying on the ground was kicked in the head (which was witnessed by journalists). What was left of the demonstration after many had fled in panic was refused permission to go on the route laid down by the police themselves in writing. But they couldn't prevent groups drifting to Faelleden, where an anarchist Festival was held, and two or three thousand people took part without harassment.

This is the Danish police state anno 1987. Freedom of assembly is ignored and arbitrary arrests take place. A few years ago the police were after the squatters because they were an obstacle to town planning as seen by the municipal council headed by social democratic mayor Egon Weidekamp. Now as the squatters have developed into an autonomous and militant group, targetting political objectives, the police have a theory that they are a dangerous cancer which they need to cut out. This is why they smashed the anarchist First of May demo.

another nasty EVICTION!

tuesday 5th may - the s.u. is swarming with media people keen for a juicy story concerning the 'outrageous poem.' Yes, that poem written by a contributor yet the media and jeff leigh (malvern mp) and his cronies insisted on challenging the integrity of the s.u. to the point of moral regurgitation. but i don't want to talk of that here, but rather, what was happening at the same time... something that us squatters had cause to be 'outraged' by.... an assorted variety of ugly authority figures were conducting a cowardly eviction of two adjoining homes in our absence. nice and ruthless of them, wasn't it? we returned home to find most of our belongings on the 'nature strips', a ridiculous number of boys & girls in blue, some spiffy looking types who remained faithfully non-committal as we continuously asked them "who they were" &/or who they represented (ie who's your boss?) and another few scabs who were busily packing the remains of our stuff into garbage bags and busily trying to avoid our glares and questions. their eyes averted, they were clearly uncomfortable.

maybe everyone there expected us to take it with a grain of salt, a smile perhaps. they had the audacity to keep throwing around cushy words like 'sympathise', 'understand', 'appreciate' - totally incongruous with the callousness of the eviction we weren't even allowed the respect of packing away what was left of our stuff. when we tried they all got very offended and huffy... the state thugs did their duty honourably,

tossing us out as the council rep (well we presumed he was anyway) gabbled something about the houses being 'in occupation.' the electricity lines were being cut, the water mains disconnected and the houses re-boarded up. a very thorough job indeed. their paranoia stretched so far as to employ security guards to rest their minds

that the property remained empty! maybe a bit of background might make it all a bit clearer. the two houses are/were owned by the preston city council, and had been empty between 3-7 years - nobody seems too sure. we know that the council purchased at least one of the houses, from a private owner some years before with the intention of knocking down the houses or selling them to developers. they are the only 2 houses in the street amidst 'light industrial premises.' one house was home for 3 people, for nearly 3 months, the other, housing also 3 people lasted only a few weeks.

after the first few weeks of the squat existing, there was contact with the council. one person came home to find a council rep breaking into the house, and on another occasion one of the squatters consented to speaking with a rep who would've bashed the door down if it wasn't opened.....

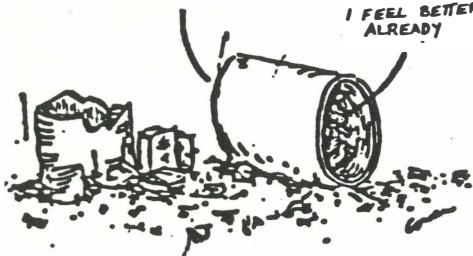
the consultation was a mockery. of course they couldn't consider offering a tenancy to the squatters (can't have them having any tenant status, that would mean some rights!) their tactic was to offer the squatters alternative accommodation - another p.c.c. house for £60 - a week rent... "just ring this number at the council blah blah...." but in true form, after ringing up they found that the offer was only lies - a cheap attempt to get the squatters out of the council's very messy hair.

so, not long after with no further contact with the apathetic council, no.7 blanche st is set up as a home too - 6 people altogether working to live in a collective, co-operative environment.

our lives were rudely interrupted on the 5th of may. no notification of eviction, no legal bullshit, no 'process' no nothing AND nobody home either when they came to claim their glorious 'property.' what was their excuse? "the houses are being auctioned in 3 weeks time." how convenient. had they given us warning they said, we might not have left the premises by the said date!

I HEAR THAT 1987 HAS
BEEN DESIGNATED AS INTERNATIONAL
YEAR OF SHELTER
FOR THE HOMELESS

I FEEL BETTER
ALREADY



more and more we see the M.C.H., city councils and other govt depts using 'instant' tactics - they barge unannounced, bringing with them the protectors of society, the police - for their protection we presume. (a small aside here- during the eviction a cop had the gall to confiscate some tools including a screw driver cos they thought we might use it as weaponry. i told him we'd be a bit silly to attack him with a screw driver whilst he had that phallic gun attached to his hip!)

if these tactics are a full on attempt by the authorities to crush squatting, i.e. eliminate attempts of self managed housing from their feeble consciousness, then it tells us very clearly that resistance is survival. defending our homes, and the homes of other squatters, building a strong network amongst ourselves and supporters, sharing practical skills and knowledge is survival.

* actually no auction took place cos before the said date the houses were being stripped from the insides with 'Danger-renovations' written on the doors.
more lies????????????



CITY OF PRESTON

350 High Street Preston 3072

Telephone: 478-1088

Dear Ms. Talbot,

I refer to a recent meeting with you and other members of the Squatters Union concerning the houses at Nos. 5 and 7 Blanch Street, Preston.

Council at a recent meeting considered the pamphlet setting out the demands and resolved that the representations of the above Union be informed that Council supports the International Year of Shelter for the Homeless.

However, Council is not responsible for the provision of housing and further that as the Ministry of Housing receives funding for the provision of housing for low income earners and community housing, your concerns should be addressed to the Ministry.

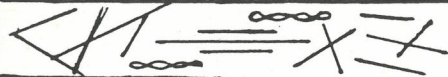
Yours faithfully

D. O. McLean
Chief Executive Officer

The answer you get..... when they aren't giving an answer!!

Local Mob Harasses Orphanage

The local force werent seen to be doing enough searching and bashing and harrasing. Some local civvies probably linked in with Neighbourhood watch campaign, the greatest parallel to big brother nazism ever invented, found the time to band together a few nasty tricks to inflict on the squatters at the Orphanage.



X April 87' b4 or around the time of massive police raiding a silly graphitist sprayed on Clarendon St wall "SQUATTERS SUPPORT ANZAS ANARCHY RULES OK" - done by agent provocateur to spark a reaction. A squatter did paint "NO ONE RULES OK" over it. A decision was that the Orphanage didnt need any of it so the whole lot was painted over. All that remains is a set of white blotches and a small ☹️

X After april 15 the whole site had to be locked for our protection. combination padlocks gave access to the squatters. Eventually these locks were superglued and rendered useless by our local Mob and no compensation for cost forwarded. As far as I know this also happened only a few weeks ago.

X May-Cars that a few squatters have parked outside as access to the car park had to be limited. Late in may a mindless jerk slashed 2 tyres on one of the cars.

X May 31st-Weekends provided some spare time for harrassment in the form of sending all the Sth Melb. fire control equipment waiting to our unneeded rescue. There was not a stick on fire in the whole place. Sunday hoax and all 7 anonomous alerts were all another waste-full harrassment levelled at us by the solid and respectable anti squatter Mob.

X TUESDAY 9th June. 7-8pm: Another false fire alert, bringing the entire Sth. fire Brigade and more hopping mad over the site. 2 cop cars loom in and one squatter made to present I.D after questioning their right of entry.

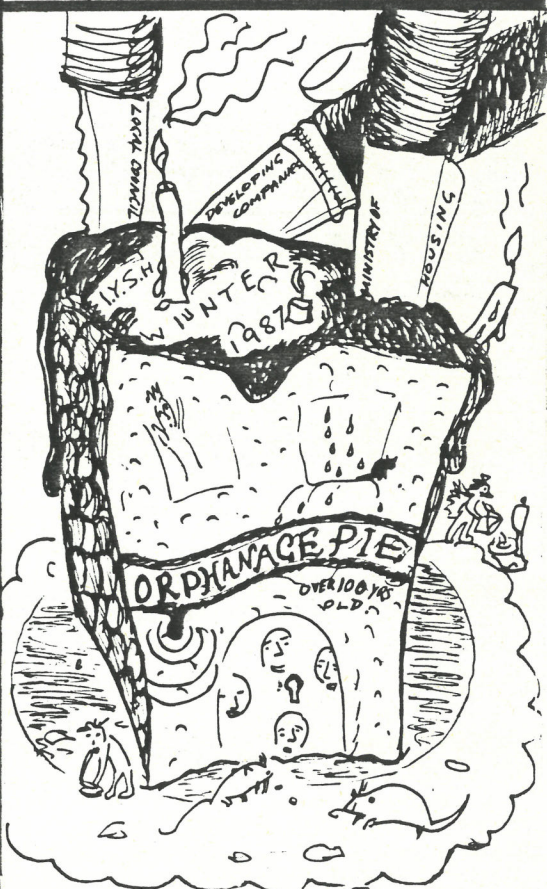
How many false alarms does it take before Fire service start ignoring calls for real fires? Then our lives will be in our hands. To the disailers who are playing with fire, dont burn your fingers.

NO-ONE RULES



As if it is not enough to have death threats from Police to us, who make a home from unused buildings Now some New Right morons have joined to have their kick. If youre reading this Mob-folk-let me tell you- you can only kick the squatters for so long. Our support swells up from the streets and paves, we are able to detect and move in when the moment is good. we'll jump before your hazardous path without warning-in broad daylight and through your morning. Bending your methods, cutting thru the flesh eating forms, your extinction is just around the corner.

by borgyl tremble,
the WildOrphan.



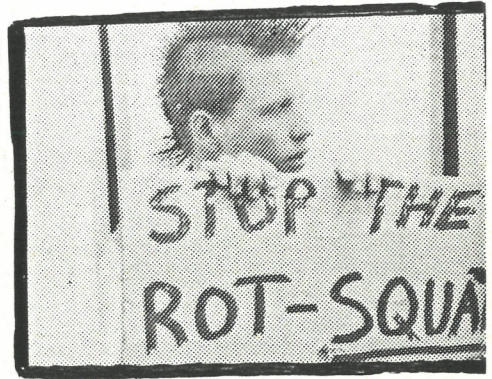
BUM RAP



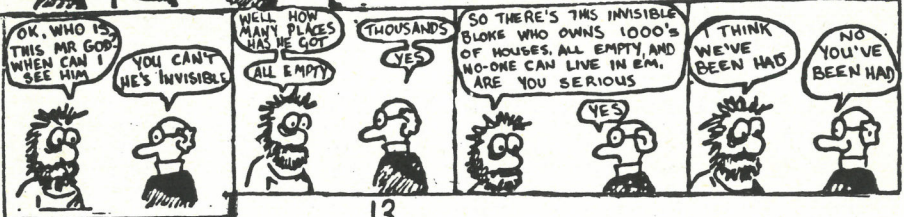
You're sure the police are out to get you,
 So you marked some paper with inflamed ink;
 Such angry words
 Of direct thought,
 For you think you're ignored in your tiny magazine
 And you can't believe their anger would be strong enough
 For them to want you to be caught.
 You didn't really reason or guess
 When you angrily wrote about
 What you believe to be their fascist mess
 You didn't want to offend people's minds
 But you were carried away by the mad horse of your anger,
 Your anger out of control,
 Forcing the words to spew from your pen
 So you couldn't help but make of squatters childish men.

A wage, a page, a poem

In hand is your pay
 does it matter where those crispy notes
 have been?
 Youve waited a whole week
 Tolerated the bosses foul expression
 The wealth he extracted from your toil
 he grudgingly parts with
 and complains about taxation
 You take it discontent
 because youve already spent
 last weeks wage on rent
 the small mint you now clutch in your
 palm will dwindle and drain as certain-
 ly as the land that native people
 once trod in tune on
 the ground their grandchildren
 now grown and thrown onto the wheel
 of white and western conditioning
 through the wall they had the gall
 to call to have their land returned
 before you finish and turn to go
 the boss employer is irritated head to
 foot, owner of 41 warehouses and
 factories for the manufacture of tyres
 yells to your back not to bother coming
 back as of next monday youve been given
 the sack



A poem doesn't end there
 A poem is pain
 A poem is terribly dangerous
 A poem is terribly safe
 A poem unsaid remains for the sleeping
 in streets
 A poem said for the sleeping in sheets
 A poem for the Squatters
 A poem for those who never need to squat
 A poem for those who never see the need
 A poem is for people who do
 A poem gets published on page 1 of the
 Sun, A poem will outlive our flesh.



Abortion Myths and facts....

Abortion has seldom been freely and openly discussed: and for many people it is an issue surrounded by doubt and confusion.

The emotional arguments and distortions of the anti-abortionists have only served to intensify the problem.

This article is an explanation of many of the fallacies and myths that have created the confusion, and, it is hoped, will dispell some of the ignorance and fears which exist in the minds of many people.

***** ABORTION IS MURDER.** This claim is based upon the supposition that the foetus is a human person, and hence has an absolute right to life. Though anti-abortionists produce supposedly "scientific" evidence to support this argument, it is essentially a religious position founded on the christian belief that humanity is defined in terms of a god-given soul. Thus, for centuries the catholic church held that abortion of an unsouled foetus was not murder (male foetus under 80 days and female under 40 days). It was only last century that the church decreed that the foetus possessed a soul from the moment of conception, thereby making abortion murder.

Such arguments of course must be based upon faith, not upon scientific knowledge. Anti-abortionists attempt to obscure this by using extremely emotive language or inappropriate terms such as "unborn child" instead of "foetus".

A foetus is not a child; it has only the potential to become a child, upon it's birth. It is only an individuals acceptance of orthodox christian beliefs that make it possible to construe its abortion as murder.

****ABORTION IS DANGEROUS.** Claims are made that abortion is a dangerous operation and therefore should not be allowed except in exceptional circumstances. The same logic could also be applied to such common operations as appendectomy or tonsillectomy. Death from legal abortions in the USA in 1972 were 4.2 per 100,000. In the same year deaths from tonsillectomies were 14 per 100,000.

Abortion is considerably less dangerous than childbirth. New York in the period following the reform of the anti-abortion laws had 0.01 deaths per 100,000 abortions, compared to 37.7 deaths per 100,000 childbirths.

In Belgium, where the population is only 10 million, there are 600,000 illegal abortions performed yearly. Abortion is a fact whether legal or illegal. The only way to ensure that abortions are carried out early and safely,

is to ensure that they are easily available to those who want them.

ABORTION ON DEMAND DENIES THE FATHERS RIGHTS.

This sort of argument relegates women to the position of child producing units. No man should be able to force a woman to have his child through some sort of compulsory motherhood. To do so is to deny women control of their own bodies. A woman should be able to discuss her pregnancy with whom she chooses but the decision must ultimately be hers.

**LEGAL ABORTION WILL LEAD TO PERMISSIVENESS.

This argument is only brought by moralists who regard sex for any other purpose than procreation as sinful, and wish to inflict their own strict morality upon others. It also assumes unwanted pregnancies occur only outside marriage. However, more than half the abortions performed are upon married women. There are many reasons why women become pregnant unintentionally, not least ignorance of, or lack of access to contraception, for which these same moralists must take their share of the blame.

**ABORTION WILL LEAD TO EUTHANASIA.

What women are seeking is control of their own bodies. It is hard to see how this can be associated with the killing of the aged or infirm. Some anti-abortionists equate abortion with genocide and other violent acts of totalitarian regimes. This is ironic when it was in Nazi Germany and Stalinist Russia that the most repressive anti-abortion laws were instituted.

**LEGAL ABORTION WILL LEAD TO POPULATION DECLINE.

This argument presupposes that women's bodies should be regulated according to the "national interest". Women are regarded merely as baby producers. Should the "national interest" require a population decline, would these people advocate compulsory abortion? If declining population were their real concern these people may be better advocating an end to the White Australian Policy which keeps out so many prospective immigrants.

**WOMEN WILL ABUSE THE FREEDOM TO HAVE ABORTIONS.

This is like saying that people will deliberately get sick to take advantage of free medical care. Most women have abortions because of ignorance of, or lack of access to, contraceptives. The best guard against "overuse" of abortion is free, safe, freely available contraceptives.

It must be recognised of, of course, that some people sincerely believe, for religious reasons, that abortion is morally wrong. Some women would never contemplate an abortion for themselves, and they must always be permitted to make that conscious choice.

Let no womyn should be coerced into continuing a pregnancy against her will. To deny womyn the choice whether or not to have an abortion is to restrict their control over their lives and perpetuate their oppression.

**ABORTION CAUSES PSYCHOLOGICAL DAMAGE TO WOMYN

The Institute of Medicine of the National Academy of Sciences has concluded that abortion is not associated with a detectable increase in the incidence of mental illness. The depression and guilt feelings reported by some womyn are usually mild, temporary, and outweighed by feelings of relief. In fact, far fewer womyn suffer illness after abortion than after child birth. Such depression or guilt that does occur may often be the result of emotive anti-abortion propaganda.

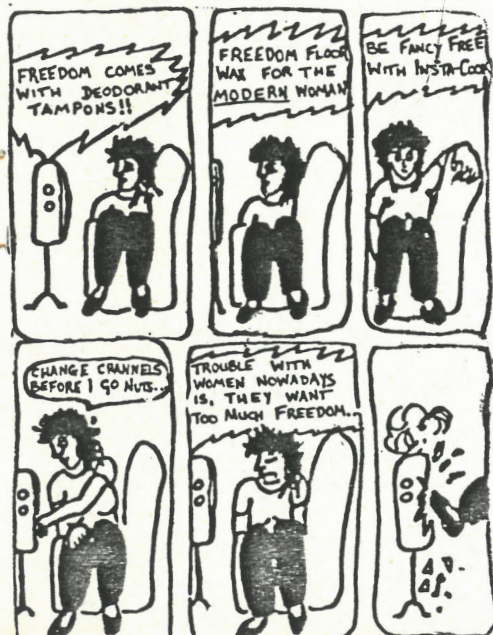
**ABORTION IS NOT NECESSARY AS CONTRACEPTIVES ARE READILY AVAILABLE.

No birth control method is perfectly reliable and for medical and religious reasons many womyn can't or won't use the more effective methods. Contraceptives are not readily available to all womyn, particularly teenagers, the poor, or rural womyn.

**ADOPTION IS AN ALTERNATIVE TO ABORTION.

To force a womyn to bear a child only to give it up for adoption is to show scant regard for the welfare of the womyn. Psychologically, giving up a child is far more traumatic than having an early abortion. Married couples find it impossible to give up unwanted children.

THANKS TO COMMUNITY RESEARCH ACTION CENTRE.



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Picket - 7th May - Preston Council

BLANCH STREET

Tuesday 5th of May was hectic. We were sitting in our recently squatted house in Blanch St, Preston, having a cuppa, oblivious to the world outside. The phone rang and the next week dived into gear. It was affixed from the Squatters' Union - the media were there in plague proportions. Something about a poem in Squat-It that we'd printed. So we sped down to the S.U. to meet cameras, questions and the phone interminably ringing. There were lots of us there and we

started organising intensely - what would we say to the media who would say it, what did we think ourselves about the issue? Full-on. And only a couple of weeks after the same politician, Jeff Leigh had made a big stink in the media about squatting poster which had been stuck to his office window. That incident was merely a sneak preview to the onslaught we experienced on the second occasion.

The hub-bub continued on until our next-door neighbour (also squatting) at Blanch St came tearing in to tell us we were being evicted. So back to Blanch St in a panic. Our houses were being ransacked, the council was dumping our stuff onto the street. Cops were guarding the entrances, the council's lips were sealed.

We were given no notice of the eviction and were refused the opportunity to negotiate with the council, as they presumed that we would have barricaded ourselves in. The Chief Executor was totally unapproachable and detached. Political activists need somewhere to live, too.

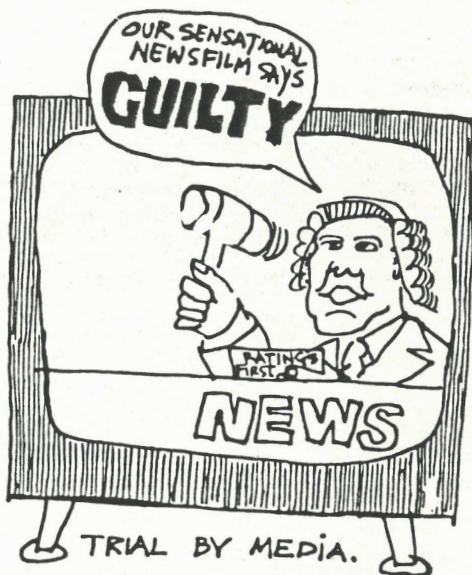
We were very lucky that the net (was working that day - lots of people turned up to offer vehicles, places to stay etc. But the whole affair was nevertheless extremely distressing.

Next day, (Wed.), we got together a leaflet for a picket on Thursday outside Preston Town Hall. A really good demo - completely grassroots word-of-mouth organisation and I felt like we made a lot of good contact with the locals. Considering the previous two days' media smear campaign, people were remarkably sympathetic. We had a farcical appointment with the Chief Executor, gave him a list of our demands

after the next council meeting

Well it's now a month later and the two houses have been trashed - floors ripped up, roof off, plumbing out etc. The auction sign was removed about a week before it was to occur, so the council's intentions would seem dubious to say the least.

So much for the Preston Council's pontifications re International Year of Shelter for the Homeless.



BLANCH ST.
AVALANCHE!

WHO SAID SQUATTING THAT IS ONLY A WESTERN PHENOMENA

It is perhaps the moment to spare a thought for the forgotten few who are much less fortunate, who have somehow slipped through the comprehensive net of a socialist welfare state.

A boast of the Soviet system has long been that whatever the material privations compared to the West, it has at least managed to put a roof of sorts over its inhabitants' heads.

Russia, of course, still has a housing problem. The other day I saw a long article published, dealing not unsympathetically with people obliged to resort to that long-exclusive Western device of squatting. But now we learn Moscow and the Soviet Union have their drop-outs and dead-beats too, with whom society either will not or cannot cope: in the words of a city district police sergeant, people who do not know "how to break the vicious circle of their own weak will and our own indifference".

He was writing in the newspaper 'Socialist Industry' about the tramps who live both at and off the Timokhovskii rubbish tip to the north-east of the capital on the way to Zagorsk. And in the process we gain a rare glimpse of the very bottom-shelf of ordinary Russian life, so close and yet so far from these new housing estates which the Intourist guides like to point out, towering around the big towns, and where, they proudly and surely correctly claim, rents are the lowest in the world.

Rents, of course, are something the miserable inhabitants of Timokhovskii do not have to bother about. But the dump is now raided twice a month by the militia police.

Last year, 142 people were arrested there. Of them, 60 had police records and 89 were unemployed. Many did not have the



The Age correspondent finds that "squatters 'dropouts and deadbeats' are surviving in the Big Socialist Rep.

precious Moscow region residence permit, including 28 so-called bomzhes — those without a place of abode.

The bomzhes collect refuse which they sell at up to two roubles a bag. In the barter economy of such places, a bag can also fetch half-a-litre of the illicitly distilled liquor samogon, or even two bottles of the cheapest Trolnoy brand of eau-de-Cologne.

Indeed, the tramps can even make a respectable wage. As the police sergeant discovered, it is perfectly possible for them to collect 10 bags a day, worth a notion at 20 roubles. This compares with an average industrial wage of

slightly over 200 roubles a month.

But it is a life constantly endangered by disease, alcoholism and the trucks — up to 1200 of them every day — which deposit their unwholesome loads at Timokhovskii.

People who live there are sometimes run over. "Aren't you afraid of being hit by one?" the sergeant asked one of the bomzhes, Valery Myachikov, on his last visit. "After all, the bulldozer drivers start work very early." "Not so far," came the answer. "I get up even earlier than they do."

Testing the courage of their evictions

A confrontation is looming in South Africa's sprawling township of Soweto as the authorities prepare to counter and crush the country's most sustained passive resistance campaign — the rent boycott.

The threatened confrontation comes on the eve of the June 16 anniversary of the 1976 black student rebellion, traditionally a time of heightened tension in South Africa's black townships.

The boycott began a year ago as thousands of residents in Soweto refused to pay either rent or service charges in protest against the presence of soldiers in the township, the detention of black leaders and the delegation of power to the Soweto Council, whose black councillors are seen as proxies of the white-controlled central government.

There have been preliminary skirmishes already over the eviction of rent defaulters by the council. In an ominous sign of the rising tension, a messenger of the court recently was stoned to death after serving an eviction notice on a Soweto family.

But now, on the anniversary of the 1976 uprising, the Soweto Council, backed by its white-officered municipal police and the white-controlled security forces, has thrown down the gauntlet.

It has served eviction notices on Soweto leaders who have urged residents not to pay rent.

Leaders in receipt of notices include Mrs Winnie Mandela, wife of jailed African National Congress leader Nelson Mandela, Mrs Albertina Sisulu, wife of ANC prisoner Walter Sisulu, Mrs Ellen Khuzwayo, author and veteran champion of black rights, and Dr Ntatho Motlana, chairman of the Soweto Civic Association.

When ordinary people are evicted, there are often angry protests. Neighbors have frequently rallied round to carry furniture dumped in the streets back into empty houses.

Any attempt to physically evict local leaders could spark massive resistance.

Last August, violence was triggered by mere rumors of pending evictions. It left at least 20 people dead.

The determination of South Africa's white governors and their black allies to break the boycott, which has bankrupted the Soweto Council and cost the Government millions of rands, was underlined by two recent events.

The first came when large areas of Orlando East in Soweto were plunged into darkness. The council had cut off electricity in a bid to force residents to pay service charges.

The second event came a few days later. The South African Defence Force held a military parade in Soweto. It was seen as a show of strength before June 16.

Dr Motlana condemned it as

a "provocative step". Recalling that "Freedom of Soweto" had been conferred on the army by a former Soweto mayor, Mr David Thebehali, Dr Motlana said: "He was totally rejected by the people of Soweto."

The tough line adopted by the Soweto councillors follows a call by a senior white Transvaal official for a crackdown on rent defaulters.

The sequence of events reinforces the perception of the councillors as puppets responding to the bidding of their masters.

Another fact further reinforces the view that they lack support. The councillors — who were elected on a low poll of barely over 10 per cent — no

longer live in Soweto itself, having moved to a fortified, self-contained complex on the outskirts of Soweto.

Purchased from the country's electricity corporation, the complex, known as Power Park, is protected by razor wire and guarded by soldiers day and night.

The tough-minded attitude of South Africa's white governors, from President P. W. Botha downwards, and the regrouping of radicalised young blacks, under the banner of the newly-formed South African Youth Congress, suggests that events are on a collision course.



Winnie Mandela
... received an
eviction notice.

ORPHANAGE UPDATE

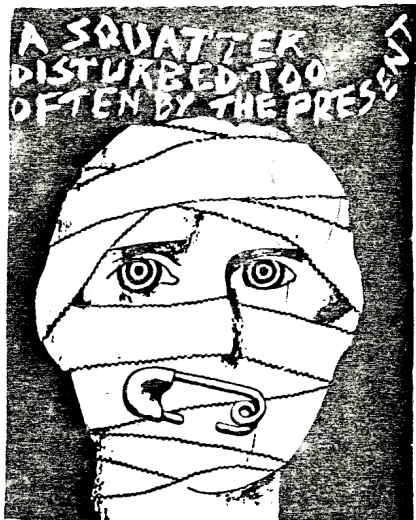


On April the 15th the orphanage received the full weight of the 1987 year of shelter for the homeless initiative as carried out by the police force. At approximately 11-30 a.m. 30 or so police drove into the orphanage and immediately started to destroy, terrorise and kill the orphanage and its inhabitants.

I wasn't present at this raid and only turned up at the end to be met by shattered, stunned people. From what I can gather, this is what happened. About 5 cars drove into the orphanage car-park, jam packed with thugs, they fanned out and ran into the orphanage swinging axes, sledgehammers, crowbars and baseball bats as they went. They then set about smashing doors and windows madly and then progressed to lounge-rooms, bedrooms and people. People were dragged out of bed or loungerooms and forced to go onto the grass in front of the orphanage. During this process the imbecils decided it was necessary to smash a drum, a flute, a guitar and a tape-deck as well as destroying people's rooms, upending beds and throwing clothes everywhere. They also found it necessary to abuse everyone, calling people names like "Porcupine-head, slut, fuckwit and scum. Two young womyn were told by the thugs "If we ever see you in this state again we'll rape you, so fuck-off." They left immediately in a taxi and haven't been seen since, it is believed they are interstate. The thugs also got off on standing in people's rooms and leering suggestively as they got dressed. Responding with neanderthallic brilliance this bunch of sick, psychotic frustrated power freaks crushed a pet baby rat and stomped insanely after the mother rat, laughing as they did so. The thugs were now questioning people, one womyn who refused to be taken into the chapel to be questioned was beaten up, getting punched in the face, punched in the chest, put in a headlock,

kneaded in the head and kicked into the divvy van, she was charged with assaulting police (the police claimed she bit the sergeant.) A womyn friend who tried to help her was bashed around and charged with hindering and indecent language. As they sat in the divvy van they watched as one fuck-wit kicked a kitten over and over again.

The rest of the people were forced to sit in a circle holding hands while the thugs shouted abuse at them and wiped dog-shit over their backs with their boots and kicked them in the back. They were then put in a line from tallest to shortest and then forced to march backwards and forwards and stand at attention, a few of the thugs walked around the building smashing things and stealing anything that took their fancy. They found out one guy had a criminal record and so made him do push-ups. The thugs then forced one man to bring some magazines down and also assembled everyone i.d. and burnt the lot in a small fire they made some-one light. They then left with the two womyn still in the divvy van, they threatened to return again if we didn't move out right away.



The thugs claim to have a fire-arms warrant, which is a joke in itself as the orphanage people aren't into weapons much, certainly not fire-arms. They took our only tomahawk, some kitchen knives and some pocket knives as 'evidence'. It took three divisions, St-kilda road complex, Phra:in and south Melbourne,

they found no fire-arms, and the only arrests were due to police being extreme in their actions. Both womyn were released some hours later. The orphanage is being squatted with the approval of the council and the ministry and conservation we are LEGALLY ALLOWED TO STAY THERE AS CARE TAKERS, a job the police have impossible to do. The police have continually raided the orphanage under absurd warrants like fire-arms or with warrants for people that don't exist. After the raid we padlocked the front gate, which was a public carpark and have covered the low wall in Napier street with barbed wire and broken glass. Since the raid we have had continuous patrols of cars and helicopters around the orphanage. When Angela Taylor hit the news, each time some-one walked out the front gate they were picked up. We have been told over and over again by the thugs that they want to kill us, some individuals in particular. It would be so easy for them to raid one night and shoot some-one, they've already had 2 fire-arms warrants, enough to justify the police murdering a squatter and getting away with it in the mainstream media's eyes, it would be old news in a day. A womyn was picked up for d and d, taken to the cells and bashed, then released, her real crime was that she was an orphanage squatter.

The orphanage people are sickened and disgusted by the actions of the thugs, if people like those that raided the orphanage are meant to be keeping 'law and order', people that will laughingly destroy an animal that people love, people that will threaten others with rape, destroy property and beat people up for trivial reasons, if these people are meant to 'look after us' and see that we aren't murdered in the street. If instead they threaten to murder us we better learn to look after ourselves and fast.

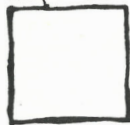
Because of the increased pressure the thugs have put on the orphanage people are co-operating alot more and living together more harmoniously, we have had some good house meetings, we had the orphanage perfect match the other week which was quite funny and the sound of live music can be heard echoing around the corridors again. The anger of the establishment has only strengthened and unified the orphans. Signing off the orphanage report with some words of wisdom from David Bowie-

WE WANT TO LIVE!!

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THE COFFEE CUPS' IN
FIVE MINUTES



'Year Of Homeless' Gets Only Token Government Support

from V Creaser, co-ordinator,
Council for Homeless persons,
Victoria.

The Premier, Mr Cain, at the official launch of the International Year of Shelter for the Homeless, said not to expect too much (The Age 22/4). This is quite accurate when comparing the state Government's allocation to the Year compared with other International Years.

The International Year for Youth was allocated \$800,000 for projects alone. This year has a budget of only \$200,000, most of which is expected to be taken up in publicity and administration.

To date, only \$10,000 has been made available for projects. I wonder to which this has been allocated will not be operational until next year.

In the same article the Minister for community services, Ms Hogg, is reported to have said that the redevelopment of 3 services to homeless persons in Melbourne is the departments main contribution to the Year. The

money for this redevelopment comes from the Commonwealth Department of Community Services (\$700,000 out of it's 1936-87 budget) and the Victorian Ministry of Housing (up to \$742,000 of capital funds) according to the Community Services own journal (CSV Links March 1987).

Community Services will only contribute to these services if they are upgraded to a standard that is satisfactory to it, according to the outcome of a review conducted last year. It does not contribute anything at present & that apparently is it's main contribution to the Year.

The message to the homeless for this International Year is coming in loud and clear: that we can only hope for a small initiative in this Year, and perhaps not even that. No wonder many people feel such despair at ever seeing the problem of homelessness overcome.

VIRGINIA CREASER,
Melbourne



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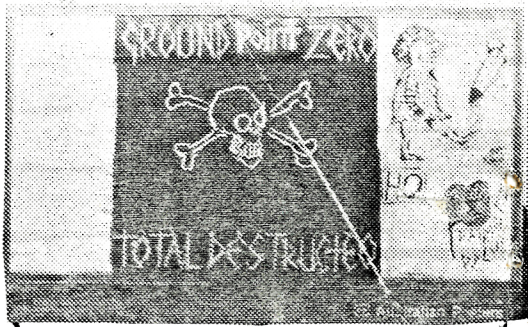
MEN'S NIGHT SHELTER.

To The Editor Of The Age.

SIR,—Just now there is deep distress and want in Melbourne among the unemployed. Numbers of men, to my knowledge, sleep out in the streets or walk about all night (who would be glad of any kind of work), and this to the injury of their health. The Immigrants' Home is full. By the kind aid of a good man I am taking a house for the winter months to accommodate some 20 to 30 with beds, but need bed covering. Would some of those who sympathise with this object help me by sending to the Collingwood Free Medical Dispensary blankets, rugs or quilts, and any articles of clothing, boots, &c., and thus help to ameliorate the prevailing distress.—Yours, &c.,

JOHN SINGLETON, M.D.
Grey-street, East Melbourne,

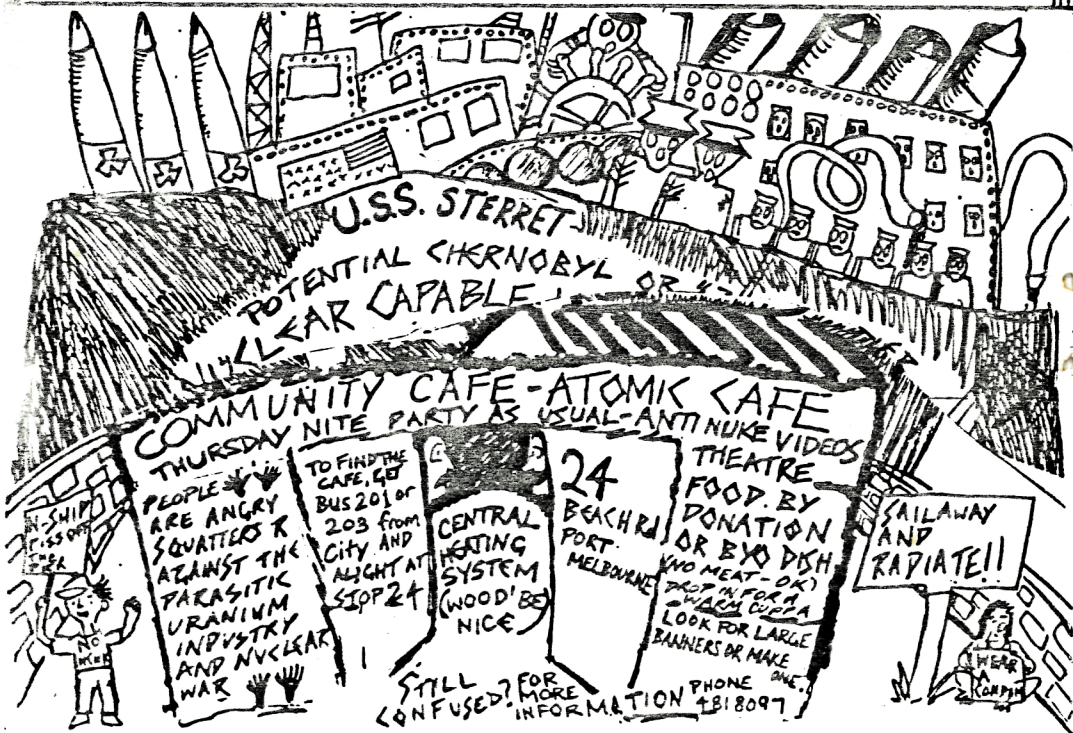
**DON'T LET
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PRINCESS PIER COMMUNITY CAFE SQUAT

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...from Wednesday June 10th to
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 .Protest against U.S.S sterret'
 .went well
 .Squatters and cafe users produce
 .leaflet, banners painted
 .Videos screened. Thanks to those
 .who brought video equipment.
 .Thanks to people who arranged
 .generator for electricity.
 .Melbourne Workers theatre could
 .not perform on Friday due to lack
 .of attendance & space.
 .More people in volatile times
 .of vigil would have helped.
 .Media filmed Squatters from cafe
 .in Mutant clothes on Pier on
 .Saturday.
 .Free carrot juice at the Pier
 .on Sunday
 .2pm U.A.N.A.P.S organised Demo
 .US officers paint bombed!
 .1 person arrested and given
 .immediate bail.
 .3 more arrested for standing
 .on pier were taken to Russell St.
 .Charges dont relate to real events
 .(as per usual) Released after.
 .1 hour in van.
 .Fitzroy legal service present
 .at releases.
 .At cafe - approx 7-8pm further
 .arrest of 5 people resulting from
 .police brutality in front of Cafe.
 .Evidence - look for pink paint
 .on boots
 .Policedrag person (wanting music
 .instrument returned) toward pier
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 .All out of cafe try to free him
 .4 others marked out and pulled,
 .taken to Russell St charged, bailed
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 .assistance, network C.A.N.A.P.S.
 .N.A.U.M., M.W.U. and even any
 .official support.
 .Our contact tel: 1s U.V.
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AGITATE! EDUCATE! ORGANIZE!

Now that the under 18 dole has been cut, even more people are going to be without shelter or a means of survival.

Until now, by scraping, and going without all the things we consider to be essential, many under 18's have been able to survive, albeit in a state of impoverished misery.

With the instigation of the \$25 'job search' allowance, even this miserable existence will be made impossible.

Dolees unable to return to the family unit due to sexual, physical or emotional abuse and people who refuse to be forced back into the home environment (the hallowed 'nuclear family') will find that they cannot possibly meet the rents demanded on the private market. This combined with the almost non-accessability of public housing for young singles, will put them on the street with not even enough money to adequately feed themselves.

The crime rate will raise dramatically as people to survive, will be driven to burglary, robbery and petty theft (ie shoplifting). This will justify the need for more police powers and harsher repression, but rest assured, the increase in crime will not hinder the police when they test their new powers on pickets, marches, demos, and strikes.

SOLIDARITY IS THE KEY

The motives behind all the cuts are clear. The bosses are claiming for more profits (regardless that

profits haven't been so high for fifteen years) and the government cuts will provide these in many ways.

The savings in money, previously paid to the under 18's will provide an initial boost to the government coffers and thus the capitalists pockets. (we certainly won't get a cut in our taxes). But the far reaching effects are even more threatening. The creation of a work force desperate to survive will create an on-going source of people willing to work for under award or youth (read slave) wages. The idea of replacing adults workers with young workers is not a new one, and is an obvious threat to the hard won wages and conditions of the present workforce.

Worse still, for employed and unemployed, the cuts will increase the possibilities of scabbing (both by unemployed and employed workers who fear being replaced in their jobs) which we all know has an alarming effect on the power of industrial action or even the threat of potential action.

And let us not fool ourselves that the cuts will stop at the under 18's. A precedent has been set for the possible abolition of all welfare payments and with the promotion of the dole bludger/cheat concept (accusations the media has been full of) the climate for further cuts looms nearer.



So it is clear the cuts and unemployment in general, are not issues purely for the under 18's, but have serious implications for all workers thus the community.

Through experience we know that the power needed to successfully oppose the threats requires the solidarity of all workers. Only a united campaign can stop these continuous attacks. Employed workers must support all efforts made by the unemployed to organise and fight against the cutting of the dole, as is support by the unemployed (through refusing to scab, refusing govt

training schemes and by demanding real jobs and a real wage) needed to protect the wages and conditions of the waged worker.

A campaign on this level assures success as we, working people, are the means of production and it follows that we have the ability to self-manage this means of production and thus our own lives. The creation of solidarity (in more than just words) in the work-force takes us closer to when we will produce for our own needs rather than for the bosses greed and production will be made by us the workers in harmony with the communities in which we live in.

In the meantime for the under 18's and those living in poverty, squatting can provide much needed relief. Relief from the immediate stress of being homeless or in inadequate shelter and it frees up the meager wage to buy other essentials such as food and clothing.

It is also a good tactic against the system as it is a direct threat to the private property concept, an integral part of capitalism.

But once again for squatting to be successful the squatters (most of whom are on benefits) must have the support and solidarity of the employed workers and the rest of the community. Blackbans on evicted properties, refusal to be used as eviction squads, plus practical support are the necessary ingredients for squatting to be effective.

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a worthless lout
now how about THAT!
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I'm just a prole
I'm in a hole DRAT!
And so I'm a victim
kicked out by the system CRAP!
Help I'm unemployed.
I'm null and void
I can't avoid THAT!

Piles of scalding steaming rubble
earth burnt black and scarred
people stumbling, shuffling mindlessly
the air a chorus of agony induced wailing
as they stumble past, eyes melting down their cheeks.

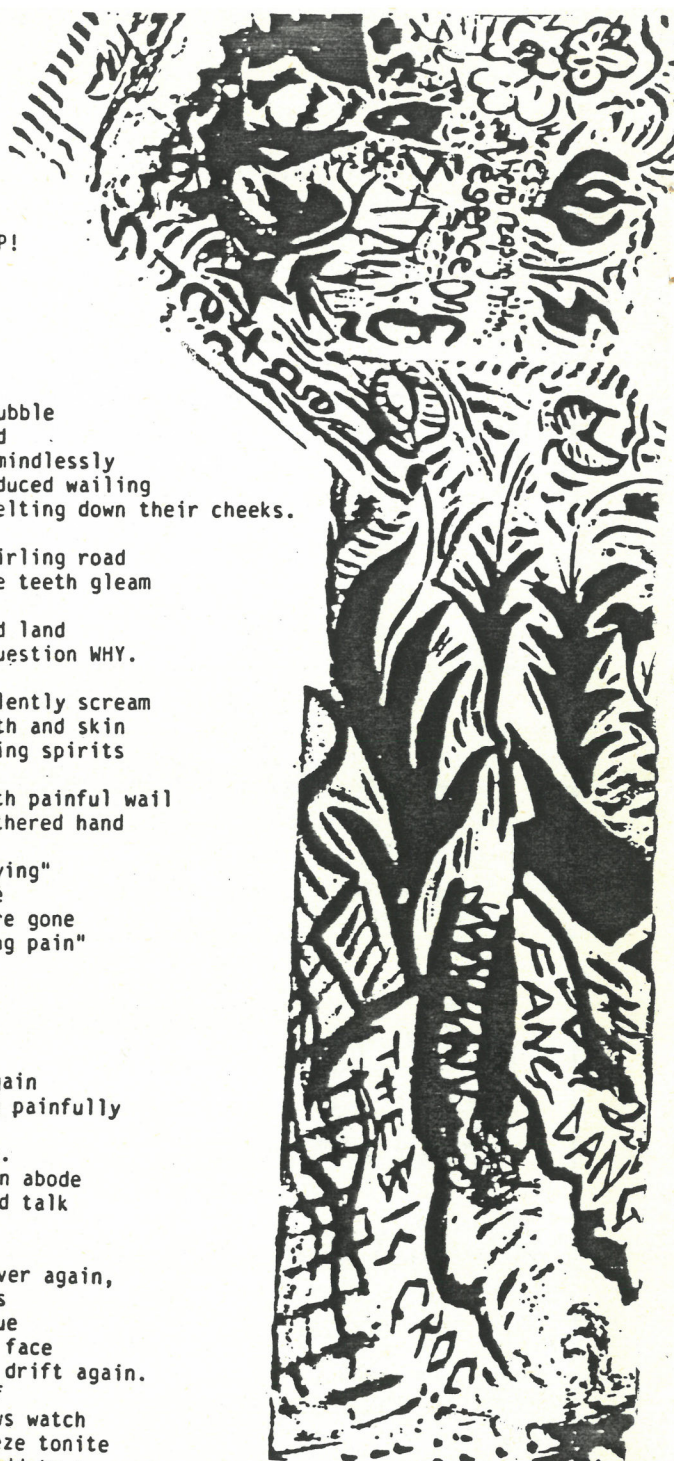
Blackened logs litter the swirling road
from the logs sometimes white teeth gleam
in deathly, wise smiles
I stumble on into a blackened land
surrounded by screams that question WHY.

A pile near by, I sit and silently scream
and blood gushes from my mouth and skin
all I see are ghostly stumbling spirits
in the drizzling deadly rain
then a voice cuts through with painful wail
"help help" I see a small withered hand
dangling from the pile
"hold my hand- I think I'm dying"
"don't leave me here so alone
to mourn the millions that are gone
with an orchestra of shrieking pain"
I scream
but the hand is dead
and the soul has fled.


Round, and round, and round again
looking searching, screaming painfully
with sharp, cold spears
driven through me all the time.
Looking for a house, a home, an abode
to rest, to be warm, to eat and talk
and love and cry in.

The cycle, over and over and over again,
find the home, make grave plans
then shattered by the man in blue
with smashing door and fist in face
then cast into the coldness to drift again.
Gather our gear and stumble off
while the neighbours and TV news watch
they don't care, they wont freeze tonite
for them it's a freak show to add to a
boring day

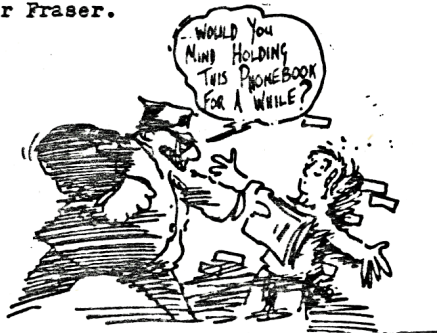
I wonder how long 'til we cease to run again
or will we run, run, run, run, run'til we die old and still cold.



It's not just ^{the} dole
being cut
that's fucked



May '87- demo's seem to happen more in winter in Melbourne- this May's mini budget seems set to further stoke the ashes of anger on the streets- and why fucking not be angry?. Four years of the left (especially the beauracra-
tic part) working with Labor governm-
ents has produced four years of attacks on all working people- paid and unpaid workers- the like of which hasn't been seen since the depression. Time and time again the Labor govt, has gone further than the Liberals ever did under Fraser.



Cutting the youth dole is one of these major attacks, and the most savage. 50 dollars a week was a sick joke in the first place and 25...well..... ..while the rich get tax cuts no-one else is having a wage cut of 50% are they?

But that isn't the only thing thats fucked, already some supposedly 'left' youth workers are moving to stifle militant dissent and at the same time various left leninist vanguards hover in the wings with motives that are at best dubious and at worst crude attempts at party building.

You probably weren't at the anti-dole cuts demo on the Friday after the mini budget but you might have seen it on TV. 3 arrests, a few minor scuffles, and people hassling the filth seem to be deemed entertaining TV. It was a small but defiant gathering of about 1 hundred with lots of people from youth refuges and their workers and the smattering of the usual youth demo 'rent a crowd'- still waiting for our cheques from Moscow or Tripoli.



Before I slag them off I want to say that not all youth workers are fucked, we need their support and advice, but given that the workers who organised the demo were meant to be 'left' we could have expected them to be a lot less paternalistic towards their 'clients' or 'resies'. It was great that the demo was organised at such short notice but the organising group has got to realise that young people, the people affected, have got to control their own struggle. And having only one out of seven speakers being young, or giving the filth the megaphone to tell us to disperse, or pissing off before the end of the demo



with the megaphone, aren't the ways to do it. Nor is trying to continue with a speech by a VCOSS rep when 50 people were blocking Flinders and Swanston St and people were calling for unemployed people to speak. Why were the organisers, who had control of the megaphone, afraid of letting young people run the show?- how are young people meant to become empowered? by listening to speeches from Bill Hartley?

It's not just the dole

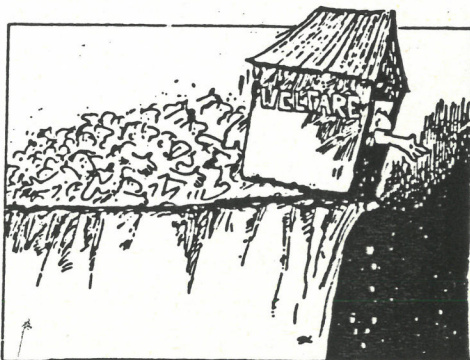
And the young people there were prepared to fight, they weren't prepared to rush to get arrested- but then if you're under 17 and in 'moral danger'. one young woman was arrested as she came out of parliament station and nothing was said about it 'til we got to Russell St (main cop shop). But they seemed far happier chanting anti-labor slogans than the more job ones that the megaphone seemed to prefer. And heaps of them blokaded Flinders St and hassled the filth at Russell St, one even made a joke about Angela Taylor and you should have seen the coppers faces drop



Suprisingly, little of the leninist left was at the demo- some IS paper sellers turned up at Flinders St, but any group that so interested in Party building that it hematically seals off it's members from other mass movement activists lest they become contaminated and leave, and instead idolises paper selling as the revolutionary art form is obviously fucked. The other leninist grouping was a motley group of Trots who's main activity was aimed at stopping the blockade from being sabotaged by the organisers, and at occupy ing the megaphone. It was here that their vanguardism was most evident, a group of older men wanting to rave on some garbage about a general strike that sounded like stuff from the 30's and was about as accessible and relevant as time travel, rather than letting the young people speak. They exhibited the same ageist paternalism as the youth workers- only a left variant.

I'd personally like to see a self-managed, grass roots movement of resistance but what happens will be determined by how it happens. Young people need our support and advice and as many resources as we can give them, but they don't need to be told what to do by anyone nor have speeches made at them. If social change means anything more than a change in leadership, people need to be empowered and the only way to empower people is to give them control over the campaign and to get off

their backs. The history of the secondary students' strikes of '72 for example or YPND more recently show that young people can get it together themselves. The Veitnam war sparked off the last big period of youth militancy and now the bosses have brought the war home, the militancy that may have been lacking from groups such as YPND will come back- living on 25 bucks a week doesn't give you much choice... As I write this the Nth Melb DSS has been occupied...



PS...I want to gripe about blokading trams, disrupting public transport while cars can get through seems counter productive as our supporters aren't as likely to have private car spaces in the city to park and commute to than the executives. Why stuff up the poor on public transport while the rich drive by unhindered?

ANON.

YOUR RIGHTS...

IF YOU ARE ARRESTED YOU ARE ENTITLED TO:

- 1/ Be informed of the charge against you.
- 2/ To insist on calling a friend or a legal advisor. (Police Standing Order 644).
- 3/ To make no statements written or verbal and refuse to answer any questions concerning the matter for which you have been arrested. (Police Standing Order 634.3).
- 4/ To talk to your solicitor without being overheard. (Police Standing Order 643).

ALSO REMEMBER:

- 1/ You cannot be compelled to go to or remain in a police station unless you have been arrested.
- 2/ Police must have a search warrant to enter your home. Insist on seeing it.
- 3/ If you have been denied your rights or mistreated make sure that you complain to the desk sergeant when asked if you have any complaints. (Police Standing Order 641).

All across America they are turning the parks into bedrooms. Not in the way Billy Graham meant when he ranted against the sexual revolution, but in the literal sense

No-one knows exactly how many homeless people there are in America. The estimates range from 350,000 to 3 million, a margin of error that points to the impossibility of documenting this enormous shame. There are believed to be as many as 50,000 homeless in New York City, and here the problem is highly visible.

One must tread gingerly through the streets at night, for the bundle of rags on the footpath might be only a pile of rubbish or it might be a sleeping person. The garbage that piles high on the nights before collection includes "cardboard condominiums" makeshift shelters that provide privacy and a modicum of shelter from Manhattan's icy winds.

Each night some 1,500 people sleep in the cities rail and bus terminals. At Grand Central Station, commuters step over serried rows of sleeping bodies as they hurry for their trains.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS



America Fumbles as the Homeless Grow to Grotesque Proportions.



The causes of homelessness are varied. A proportion is people who were tipped out of mental institutions by a court-ordered de-institutionalisation" program some years ago more are those who simply could not swim with the economic tide of Reagan's America.

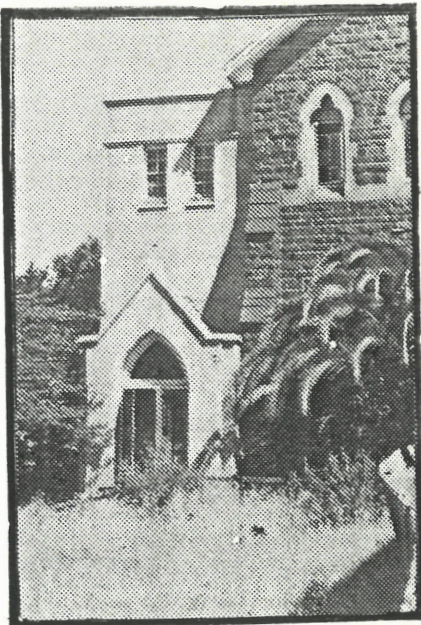
In the city (New York) itself, only yards from the office where I work, the city pays \$2,400 a month to provide single rooms in welfare hotels to families. These rooms are rat-infested, have no cooking facilities, nowhere except the sleazy 42nd Street for children to play and are in the middle of the city's porn and drug neighbourhoods.

As the weather warms, more people will leave the rules and restrictions of the shelters and resume life on the streets. Sometimes, going to work, I have to look up at the Empire State Building looming over the skyline to remind myself I am not living in Calcutta.

ANNE SUMMERS.

- Stepping off the Bus to Sydney and the Same day I was in a sit in at Macquarie st. After marching from Town Hall where our demonstration took place over 20 people stormed into the hallway outside the members dining rooms. Two got inside and were served a lunch, drinks and after dinner mints. The others outside had to go hungry for about 2 hours while a Youth and Community Services area manager was transported to the scene. Luckily though, that he did come as some very irate House officials, Security, and cops were ever so present with batons and gun hanging proudly at their sides. Amongst the din of chatter-boxes and interruptors were a few sane voices that made some ground in Communicating our protest to the bureaucrat (self named).

What was our protest? The dole cuts of homeless and issues related to the shit treatment of the young, or just poor people in general. After the occupiers dispersed, some went home, some went on with further memorandums in the area managers office. One thing however was proved by the exercise. That occupation of Parliament offices is not out of our reach, and that if well organised it could well be a wedge of strength to effect change by direct control of the corridors of power. We have to get to the bureaucrats even if for a short time. So, maybe it wasn't the Prime Minister or treasurer, it doesn't have to be. It was you and I trying a new tactic. In Solidarity a Victorian Squatter with New South Wales.



BANKS OF THE MURRAY?...
No!... THE ORPHANAGE
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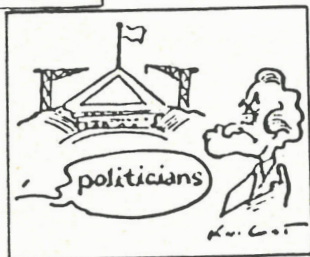
ORPHANAGE MOVE OUT ORDER IMMINENT

A date has been set-1st July wednesday for the move to other accomadation or squats.

Arriving at a definite was like arriving at planet Jupiter such was the bureaucratic red tape and countless phone calls that had to be made to the ministry of conservation and the local council. Local Council are about as helpful as a jack hammer at 6 in the morning (take that to mean more than it seems).

Min. of Cons. were a shade more communicative. Neither bureaucracies have any talent for letters, as more written info. for knowing what moves are made. They are all determined to push ahead some renovation plan. According to Working Report Document they sent us last year (see squat-it #5) it all amounts to a lot of \$\$\$\$ Meanwhile squatters, pensioners, unemployed alike have no choice but to trapse the streets to find another squat. A home. So much for international Y. S. H.

Well the wire fence was put around the still to be made' child care centre' in the clarendon st napier st. cnr, a reminder that Priority 1 Divide and Rule the young and old is still with us



WED. JULY 8, 3PM

ALL OUT TO

STOP THE
ATTACKS

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NEWS FROM SYDNEY!

LEVY STREET, SQUATT

Levey St, squatters have been given an eviction notice for July 26th. This was decided at the Common law, Supreme Court on Wed 21st May, after a court battle lasting 6 months, including 4 adjournments, 2 hearings.

Two protests outside the court was supported well by familiar squatters in Sydney. Radio Skid Row & 2SER also kept reported Levey St's position. The reason given for the eviction was the building is a fire hazard.

"definitely a pathetic excuse"

Levey St, squat has been around for 11 months. Squatters moved into a DMR 1972 road surplus building, currently leased by the Department of Housing. About 5-8 people have lived in the 2 storey warehouse & installed a mirrored dance studio, & given independant artists studio space.

But devastatingly the typical bastards of the beaurocratic system fucked things up. The squatters were firstly advised by the government officials visiting the warehouse to contact the Co-op Housing Alliance (CHA) & form a housing co-op and put submissions in to the housing department which would give the squatters legal rights to the building.

This advice was taken, but the ramifications were not clear. Where would forming a housing co-op lead the squatters to?

Basically it meant conforming to beaurocratic administration that became a never ending process of meeting, writing minutes, reading guidelines, collecting miles of information, ending with a pile of files that gave everyone a headache, & SO WHAT?, the eviction still went on. The squatters decided it was a waste of time & energy that lead to nothing & distracted everyone from getting on with their own lives & artistic ventures.

The court cases lengthened our stay for approx. 4 months but this finished up with an \$800.00 solicitors fees. So it looks like sutle rent.

Let this be a warning to any squatters advised or thinking of forming a Housing Co-op, be prepared it probably won't get you anywhere.

We were ripped off and sucked in - and who isn't one way or another.

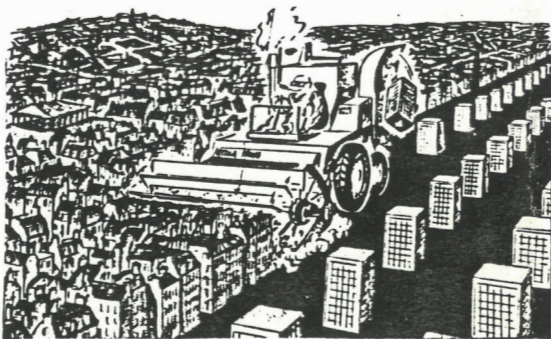


EVICIONS IN SYDNEY

Yes there's alot of them happening but we're not giving in. On 3rd June there were three separate evictions in Glebe. (my squat wasn't one)

A warehouse in Glebe was evicted after only one week occupation, they were running community theatre workshops, & about 10 people were living there. Because of this occupation a squat that was next door that had been going for over two years was evicted & bulldozed with no notice at all. (5 more homeless people, but it is the year of the homeless).

The 3rd eviction was a lone single mother. Those 17 people weren't offered any alternative accomodation & there all still squatting.



BUREAUCRATIC BULLSHIT IN SYDNEY

About two months ago I was squatting in Redfern Sydney in a Housing Commission house leased to Tempe wimens Refuge. We negotiated with the refuge & they said we could stay until the house was to be renovated. We were also told we would get 2-4 weeks notice of our eviction. The next thing we knew there were about 30 piges, & housing commission officers & half a dozen wimen from the Tempe refuge saying we had two hours to get our stuff out & they were waiting. 'forty people to evict 3 squatters' The wimens refuge claimed they had given us notice which was a lie, & said if they delayed the eviction they wouldn't get the house renovated.

As soon as we were out scab labourers tinned up the house & trashed it, and when we told Tempe refuge what they had done to the house they were shocked into disbelief & the house still rots. Even the pigies thought it was illegal & a waste of a house as it had all mod cons & didn't even need renovation. When burocrasies talk they lie, backed up with crowbars, sledge hammers and guns.

That made my fifth month of living on the streets, next time they come to evict me I'll choose a cell instead of a gutter, cause it still gets cold in Sydney.

SYDNEY-- - A SHORT TRIP

It was my first time in Sydney really, I'd been there when I was a kid with my parents & had passed through it while travelling twice, but it was with expectant eyes that I greeted Sydney at 7 a.m. in the morning & stumbled into a cafe. The bus ride up was awful, the driver and his companion were complete jerks and we were half-way to Albury by the time we'd finished hearing all the things we couldn't do. They then threatened us with invasion USA staring chuck norris on the video, common sense prevailed though and we saw legend instead. The stop off places were foul, expensive, tacky restraunts with plastic food and hardly anything for vegetarians or vegans. Still we made it and our first thought was what can you do, where can you go in Sydney at 7.00 am. We decided to go to Woolloomooloo squats & see if we could catch a few hours sleep, amazingly people were awake so they showed us a room & we immediatly crashed out. We woke up and went to stay at a friends place at Bondi-Junction, really boring place. As we didn't know any squats in Sydney we had very little choice of where to go. Anyway it seems that there are alot of big squats in Sydney some which have been going for years, the Compound which is a large squat in Sydney was recently evicted, apparently the government promised them accomadation & a million \$ if they would move out. They did & stayed in MOH flats while the government purchased a large warehouse. Apparently to alot of the squatters once they move into a squat form a housing co-op which gives them more legal standing over-all it seems that Sydney doesn't have the hassles that we have in Melbourne, though I'm sure that squats still get doors kicked in by the filth & I'm sure squatters are beaten up, just not as much as in Melbourne. I was suprised to hear thetime that squats last in Sydney, there's one squat that's been going for 25 years in Surrey Hills, 7-10 years was mentioned often as life-span for some squats & 18 months seemed not abnormal. A far cry from Melbournes couple of months a squat that is lucky will have. Many squatters were surprised to hear that there was a squatters union. I was like-wise surprised to hear about & see the large squats in Sydney. It appears that their is a definate lack of communication between squatters in Melbourne & Sydney, the Sydney Squatters Union is called the Union of Unemployed Squatters & Tenants, (U.U.S.T.) there are not many squatters involved and appears to be run more by older housing workers. It would be good if communication could be set up between squats so that people coming down to Melbourne & those going up to Sydney could find places to stay easily.



There was quite abit of interest in 'Squat It' in Sydney, the individual squats were interested in getting more & Jura & Black Rose bookshops apparently soon ran out of the copies they got. There is no squatters paper in Sydney. I was fortunate enough to be in Sydney at a rally against the welfare cuts, organised by the U.U.S.T., I trotted along to the rally not knowing what to expect, about 30 people turned up, some people spoke to passers by through a mega-phone and others handed pamphlets out. We then walked to parliment house down the centre of the road, a few dick-heads in cars tried to hit us. Once we got to parliment house we stormed inside & got to just outside the parliamentarians lunch-room, two people got inside & then stormed pigging out. By this time the police arrived on the scene, this was another thing that started me we had managed to asemble, talk, march and storm parliment house, during all this time there were no signs of the filth, it was only once we were in that they showed up, in Melbourne they would have been there from the start. Anyway we spent a few hours in parliment house talking to some moronic beaucrocat who said he was involved in youth affairs. He promised to bring politicians arond to houses lving in poverty with- the media & let them see how their policies are affecting people on the poverty line. He also promised to look into a few individual complaints that arose from the meeting. We all trooped out-side to a battery of A.S.I.O. cameras flashing at us. Still if all that is promised is done it would be a good start.

It was a good break from Melbourne, a week without police paranoia's was good, the sort of holiday we all need occasionally, anyway it was all quite interesting, if there is anyone who would like to help with getting communications going between Melbourne & Sydney eventually in some sort of 'time-sharing' arrangement please write to the squatters union on 301 St-Georges Rd, North Fitzroy or ring on 481-8097

a message to house trashers!!

After much deliberation, I have come to a point where I really disapprove of squatters who wreck houses. This has been difficult because I feel that I should support all squatters no matter who they are and what they do.

However, this disapproval has been expressed for a few reasons.

Mainly the Squatters Union is an organisation set up to help people find homes to live in. Smashing these houses is in direct opposition to, and works against what we are trying to do. Most of us need homes desperately, and get really pissed off with people who destroy what we really want.

There is also the problem that we are trying to encourage more people to squat. The media latches onto these homewreckers and tries to set them up as being the "stereotype Squatter". This not only leads the general public to think that all squatters are absolute brainless morons, it destroys any chance of the ideas of self managed housing that we are trying to spread ever getting to, and being acceptable to, a large majority of people. Wrecking the house you have just moved into

also means you won't get any support from your neighbours or many other people when it comes to keeping your house either. People aren't very sympathetic to "But we need a home" when you are obviously bringing it down around your own ears.

(In fact most squatters renovate and take care of their houses, and they are "normal" people (eg. single people, single mums, families) in every other aspect of their lives, not punks.

There also seems to be the idea that if you don't pay for something, it's not worth anything, which of course is an integral part of the capitalist system which creates the housing problem in the first place, this value system is what these people base their house trashing on. (We use this house for nothing, so it's not worth anything, so why not smash it up?)

And finally, this world and this system, stuffs us around enough already. We don't need any more hassles.

So you home-trashers -

Fuck off .

SUV member

DEFENCE OF YOUR HOME

Installing barbed wire and other such defences around your home will slow the filth down and give you some warning of imminent raids. 10 minutes warning could be the difference between a boot in the face or a gun at your head, or being able to get away unscathed.

It's best to keep the barbed wire tight and keep it at a height that no-one can crawl under. Wrap the barbed wire around the pillar and pull it tight and at each pillar nail a concrete nail through the wire. This can be done by getting pliers and spreading the strands of wire apart. When the nail is 3 quarters of the way in, bend it over and hit it into the cement then cover the wires and nails in concrete.

At the top of the wall lay 3 cm of cement and stick broken glass from all those beers you've consumed into the cement.

The best mixture is one bucket of cement to 2 of sand. Mix them up so they are blended together, add water and stir. Keep stirring until the cement is semi-solid. If it is TOO wet just add more sand and cement until it is OK.

For the broken glass, find a bin and throw bottles in it so that they break. Wear gloves and push the glass into the cement, making sure the glass is pointing out into the street. Use big bits and as much as possible.

Next get all your empty can and hanf them from the wire so you can hear if anyone tries to crawl through the wire.

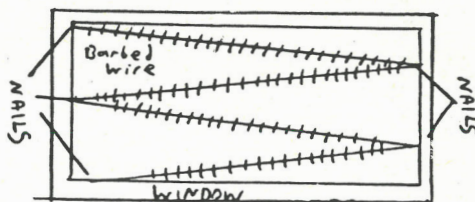
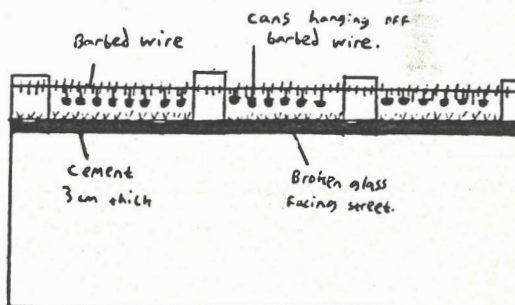
If there are no pillars you can build your own by hammering stakes into the ground.

Barbed wire around your window is another good idea. Just get the wire and criss/cross it over your window nailing the wire into the frame each time there is a connection.

TYRE SHREDDERS

This will slow police cars down and can be laid behind gates if you have them or in driveways.

Get a big board and put the biggest nails possible, or railway spikes, through them. Then put the board on your driveway or road, if it needs camouflaging you can use newspapers or old clothes.



NA NAZIS FUCK OFF:

A squat in the outer suburbs of Melbourne recently had some junk mail of the more disgusting kind: A lovely letter from National Action and 10 Stop the Asian Invasion stickers complete with advice on where to put them (eg MOH offices etc). "Good Luck" they had the nerve to say.

In England the National Front has been trying to infiltrate various progressive groups in its "nationalist" guise - hard core racism doesn't sell anymore obviously-they quote the Nazi philosophy of Strasser as a pro-working class form of facism & obviously-the scum of National Action here are trying to do the same.

Don't be fuckin fooled-N/A saying that Asians cause homelessness is almost as big a laugh as Priority 1. Recent migrants from Asia generally have to put up with over crowded & over priced private rental accomodation while they wait on the same waiting list for crudly public housing as everyone else. N/A says if we got rid of all the Asians the list would be shorter-well maybe-but N/A in its love of our Aussie [white] bosses & landlords isn't prepared to attack the real problem. Just like Hilter they try to turn one oppressed group against another while the

rich [in theory though the far right has never done it] why waste your time attacking Asians when the real scum are at home-the Elliots & Bonds of the Australia-& Their

Practise makes perfect.....

On Thursday June the 4th police used teargas to attack Wiltona Migrant Hostel where "terrorists" were supposedly holding hostages - no its 1987 not 1992 but practice makes perfect for the Victoria Filth.

The filth aren't adverse to using gas-they used Mace on BLF members last year-however they stuffed up a bit when the gas used in the Wiltona exercise drifted to neighbouring houses over a kilometer away. This exercise was dressed up as an anti-terrorist exercise however perhaps they were getting in a bit of anti squatter practise. The filth aren't dumb - they know that when their welfare filth brethren cut thousands off the dole that those thousands will start occupying buildings for shelter. It won't just be individual houses that are squatted anymore but the 100s of empty MOH flats on the estates and the rather larger places like Wiltona Migrant Hostel.... well it's good to see that they're getting prepared isn't it?

COME TO THE SQUATTERS PICNIC

Squatters Picnic?
Edinburgh Gardens
Nth Fitzroy
BYO Everything to share

Come & support
the Ivanhoe 11 -
Court cases on
the 22nd

Midday to dusk
Sun 12/7

Or the 19/7
if it's wet

Take the 9, 10, 11 or 12
tram from Collins St

Support your local squatters -
Solidarity beats the bosses



III VIEWS WITH A VIEW III

Early morning-go to work,
lock the door, hope my homes still here
tonight,
get home late in pouring rain,
mattress, and sheets and blankets
drowning in cold grey puddles at
the shattred door of my home.

No-where to sleep, nothing to eat,
Just got to shiver in the cold rain,
under a bridge, in a brotherhood bin
covered in rubbish in industrial waste bins
waiting for the truck to munch you all up
they told us in year of the homeless things
would look up,
but all I see is another pigs boot and
another cold night while the government
lies.

If for each life they told, a person died
we'd all have been dead
before we were born.

Round, and round, and round again,
looking, searching, screaming painfully
with cold, sharp cold spears
driven through me all the time.
looking for a house, a home,
to rest, to be warm, to eat and talk
and love and cry in.

The cycle, over and over and over again,
find the home, make brave plans
then shattred by the man in blue
as with smashing door, and fist in face
then cast into the coldness to drift again.
Gather our gear and stumble off
while the neighbours and TV news watch,
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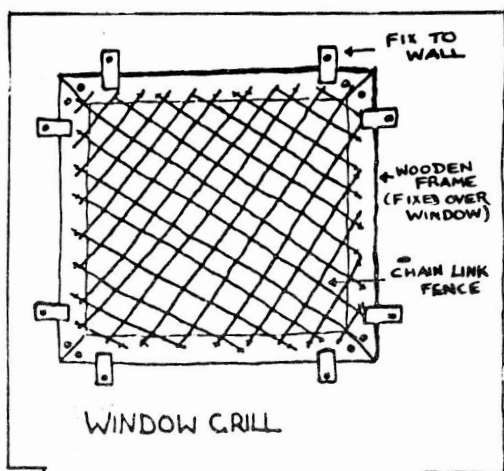
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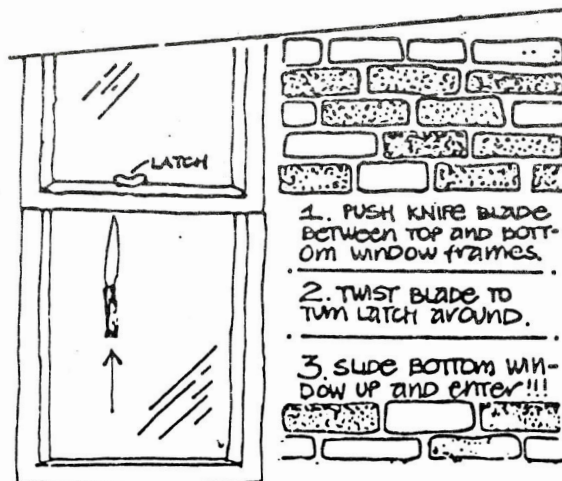
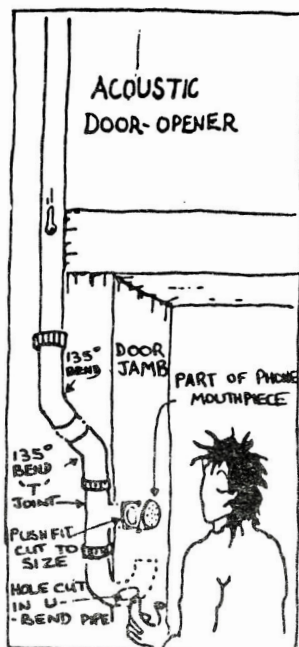
INFO ON SQUATTING, TALK TO
♀ about SQUATTING, GET INVOLVED
.... STOP THE ROT.... SQUAT..



WINDOW OPENINGS

A detachable frame made up of a wooden frame and chain link fencing (see above) are easy to make, give that extra protection, and can be removed easily only from inside.

Some HINTS & IDEAS



1. PUSH KNIFE BLADE BETWEEN TOP AND BOTTOM WINDOW FRAMES.

2. TWIST BLADE TO TURN LATCH AROUND.

3. SLIDE BOTTOM WINDOW UP AND ENTER!!!

STASH HOLES

Not strictly relating to defending your home, but relevant enough to be included.

Stash holes are well worth getting sussed. We know of some neat indoor ones where the police would never think of looking. All we can say here (without giving too much away) is - look at your home and THINK of all possibilities.

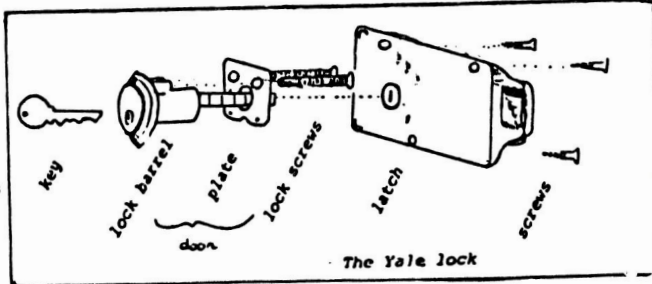
If your stash is smelly and sniffer dogs are likely to be involved with any raid, use lots of clingfilm and plastic to wrap it in. It's also worthwhile using aniseed or as a last resort lemon washing up liquid to disguise smells.

One neat diversionary tactic is to leave cannabis flavoured incense lying around.

If you can, use outside rather than indoors for safer stashes. A short walk is better than a bust.

LOCKS AND BOLTS

If you are going to the trouble of securing your den with locks - do it properly. Don't just use one lock or bolt when two, three or even four will be more effective. Also fixing locks to internal doors isn't a bad idea.



THE FURTHER ADVENTURES OF CONSTABLE KEN

IN THIS WEEK'S THRILL-A-MINUTE EPISODE OF

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCHING

HEWIRICH NINZE

CARING FOR YOUR COMMUNITY

SOMEWHERE IN (UPPER) KALEEN...

WHEN DO YOU KNOCK OFF BERNIE?

NOT LONG NOW.

THE KIDS HAVE GOT THE NEXT SHIFT...

...THEN I CAN SETTLE DOWN AND WATCH THE GAME AND... HOLD ON...

WHAT IS IT?

IT'S THOSE PEEVED FROM ACROSS THE ROAD. ONE OF 'EM'S ACTUALLY COME OUTSIDE - JESUS!...

WHAT?

THEY'RE... THEY'RE WALKING TOWARDS THE STREET!

SETTLE DOWN... IT'S... IT'S PROBABLY JUST A MISTAKE...

NO... NO, THEY'RE... MY GOD, THEY'RE COMING THIS WAY!

OH NO! THE WIFE'S GOT THE CAR... THEY PROBABLY THINK WE'RE ALL OUT. THEY'LL PROBABLY TRY AND SMASH THROUGH ONE OF THE WINDOWS OR SOMETHING...

QUICK, TURN THE RADIO ON, OR THE T.V... MAKE SOME NOISE!

HAVE YOU GONE 'INSANE!?' THAT'S SURE TO SCARE 'EM INTO PULLING A GUN!!

WELL, WHAT'LL WE DO!?'!

THE POLICE!

SECONDS LATER... THERE, THEY TAKE!

HIT THE DIRT LIZARD BREATH

WHA... YOU MIGHT AS WELL COME CLEAN SUNSHINE. THE NEIGHBOURS TOLD US EVERYTHING. ATTEMPTED BREAK + ENTER, ATTEMPTED THEFT, POSSESSION OF A FIREARM... WITZ- THIS!

J- JUST HALF A CUP OF SUGAR... I- I WAS G-GOING TO ASK THE NEIGHBOURS FOR SOME NOISE -

SUGAR!! HA! LOOKS MORE LIKE SMACK TO ME!

...AND PUSHING HARD DRINKS YOU'RE GONNA FRY SISTER

WHAT?! I WAS JUST WALKING ACROSS THE STREET!

OH, YOU WERE JUST WALKING ACROSS THE STREET!

SO WHAT'S WRONG WITH DRIVING A CAR LIKE EVERY-ONE ELSE!?'!

LATER...

IT'S O.K. SIR. WE'VE APPREHENDED THE SUSPECT. SITUATION NORMAL.

TH- THANK YOU, OFFICER...

LETTERS

OH AND SIR... JUST A REMINDER ABOUT THE MILK BOTTLE COLLECTION HOURS. WE'VE ALREADY HAD 2 CITIZENS SHOT DEAD THIS WEEK FOR PICKING UP THEIR MILK BOTTLES AT THE WRONG TIMES. SEEMS THEY'D FORGOTTEN ABOUT DAYLIGHT SAVINGS.

Y- YES, THANK YOU

JUST THOUGHT I'D LET YOU KNOW. WOULDN'T WANT YOU GETTING MISTAKEN FOR A TERRORIST OR SOMETHING...

THE DEED

ABORIGINAL LAND-RIGHTS PAY THE RENT CONCEPT

For many years now, activists within Australian society have been advocating Aboriginal land rights. To most people this has been perceived as some sort of meaningless term in order to give Aborigines some sort of social equality. This is not the case. Aborigines, in espousing land-rights, have made a call to have non-Aborigines recognise Aboriginal land-rights to land in Australia as their traditional land-rights. What has happened within this process is that non-Aboriginal people have perceived that some sort of tokenism needed to be made to Aboriginal people in order to satisfy land-rights. This has happened at not only individual levels, but right up through the institutions as far as governments. This is particularly evident in the Woodward report.

However, this is not what Aborigines have been on about. What we have in fact been on about is that we own this land and that nothing has been done, either in Blackman's law or in whiteman's law, at a national or international level, to change that status. The reality is that Aborigines own this land and they have been denied use of it by the non-Aborigines, for whatever reasons, and that non-Aborigines have done this for some two hundred years.

The demand for land-rights now, is that the non-Aborigines concede our sovereignty over our lands within what is now known as Australia, and begin to pay the rent for whatever areas of land that they now occupy. The obvious consequence of this is that lands that they are not renting, revert back to Aboriginal ownership and control, rather than being described as crown lands. Rent would be assessed according to a number of factors, including the ability to pay, what damage is being done to the land by that occupier, what profit they receive from it etc. For example, a pensioners rent to meet our needs would be minimal compared with that of the multinationals. Rent would be paid to meet specific Aboriginal community needs, eg. health, housing, education, legal, childcare, etc, in the short term and total community in the long term.

In effect, the payment of rent would mean that non-Aboriginal Australia will at last, after two hundred years, recognise Black sovereignty of this country. This has been an inevitable effect, to delay the process is to only deepen further the crisis between Aborigines and non-Aborigines within Australia. What is needed now is some sort of reconciliation and this perception of Black sovereignty and payment of rent is the only reconciliation that is reasonable rational and responsible.

ADDITIONAL INSTRUCTIONS TO LT. JAMES COOK,
APPOINTED TO COMMAND HIS MAJESTY'S BARK THE
ENDEAVOUR.

After his observance of the transit of Venus he was to search for the Eastern coast of the imagined Southern Continent, and explore and chart it.

...you are likewise to observe the genius temper, disposition and number of natives, if there be any, and endeavour by all means to cultivate a friendship and alliance with them, making them presents of such trifles as they may value, inviting them to traffic and shewing them every kind of civility and regard, taking care however not to suffer yourself to be surprised by them, but to always be on your guard against any incident.

You are also, with the CONSENT of the natives to take possession of convenient situations in the Country in the name of the King of Great Britain, or, if you find the country uninhabited, take possession for his Majesty by setting up proper marks and inscriptions, as first discoverers and possessors.

*our emphasis (this extract was taken from the NAC NSW and Aboriginal Lands Trust of NSW Report and Recommendations of Aboriginal Land.)



THEY CAME TO TAKE
AWAY THE LAND RIGHTS
CAMP

BUT I DID NOTHING
BECAUSE I'M NOT BLACK....